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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Strategic Base Study/Joint Defense Study Group

1. On January 17 I met with General Wood, director of the study effort on U.S. overseas bases to be undertaken by the Joint Defense Study Group. After some discussion on the problems involved in forecasting world conditions ten years hence, the determination of possible strategies and the collection of information on strategic existing base installations, including such supporting elements as intelligence facilities, General Wood agreed that it would be appropriate for information concerning intelligence facilities to come to his study group through USIB channels.

2. I mentioned that while the CCPC study now underway is not now directly tailored to fit the base study as it is aimed at the impact of a total loss of facilities except for those in U.S. [REDACTED] 5X1X7
[REDACTED] 25X1X7 the product can be arranged so that it will fit into their exercise. I asked that the general outline for base study be provided to me as soon as developed so that I could insure that the type of information which they require is presented. General Wood stated that they will have such an outline but that it will remain flexible as he did not want to get into too rigid a framework. General McDonald is to let me know of the items of information which are of particular concern to the study. He cited a few, such as dollar flow, strengths, value of intelligence product, commitment to country concerned, etc.

3. General Wood explained that he did not expect to be limited by currently projected strategies and intended to look at new approaches, including, of course, technological advances.

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4. General Wood, on my query, indicated that he is proposing a completion date of 15 December 1968 for the Base Study. I indicated that the intelligence input could be programmed to be available so as to receive proper consideration along with the other information which his Study Group must assemble. No specific date was discussed for the intelligence input.

5. We agreed that a close liaison would be maintained between the Chairman, CCPC, and the Study Group.

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